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- 1.(C) Summary: Foreign Minister Musa Kusa told the Ambassador on May 2 that the GOL wanted to develop US-Libyan relations further through incre
- 2.(C) FM Musa Kusa convoked the Ambassador on May 2 for their first meeting since Kusa was appointed Secretary for Foreign Liaison and Internat Sudan-Chad Reconciliation Key to Solving Darfur
- 3.(C) Turning to specific areas of potential cooperation, Kusa, who had recently returned from Darfur-related meetings in Doha, outlined Libyar Al-Qaeda Expanding in Africa
- 4.(C) Another priority issue for US-Libyan engagement, Kusa said, was combating al-Qaeda in the Saharan and Maghreb regions. While the US focus Qadhafi and POTUS in Italy?
- 5.(C) The US and Libya should also confer on the policies of "other governments" that are trying to "influence events on the [African] continer Human Rights: Al-Jahmi
- 6.(C) In a subsequent one-one-one meeting, the Ambassador pressed Kusa for the release of detained regime critic Fathi al-Jahmi, either to his Comment
- 7.(C) Comment: Kusa is one of the most influential figures in the regime, and has been a proponent of improved ties with the United States. In